

The wish to be potent in giving is clear in Paul's phantasy about the polar bear, and still clearer in Dan's response to Harold's gift of a single toy rail. When Harold said it was for Dan, the latter replied, " I'll bring one for Harold then. I know what it will be—a *big large* engine." Dan was thus giving a much more magnificent present than he was receiving. But if one has " big large engines " to give away, one is indeed both safe and good. One is no longer the helpless puling infant, dependent upon the gifts of others, and driven by helpless anxieties to rage and jealousy. One is now the omnipotent parent, full of good things, safe from unsatisfied desire^ and all-powerful to help others (viz. one's children). It is more blessed to give than to receive, because to be able to give is *not to need*. It is (in unconscious meaning) to be omnipotently safe and good.

But the giving is not only of material things. It is of services, too. Frank's sharing of his garden with Priscilla is something between the two. A clearer instance of rendering a service is : " Harold 'fell down and hurt his knee. Duncan said at once, ' Shall I bathe it for you ? because you bathed mine yesterday.' They went in together, and spent some time bathing the wound." Other incidents show how warmly the children appreciated services done them/ whether by a grown-up or a playfellow. And Frank shows us how keen the child's pleasure in rendering a service to another can be, like potency in giving. When, for instance, he noticed that Harold had left his glasses behind, and ran after him with them, " he looked very pleased, and said several times, ' Wasn't it a good thing I remembered he had left them ? ' " Tommy, too, calls out to the children who are jointly carrying a large plant pot, " *Don't* go too quickly, so that I

can help ! "
 We have the same situation when Harold
 generously offers
 to pull the others round the room on the
 blanket-boat
 (4.3.25). He obviously got great pleasure from
 being able
 (i.e. powerful enough) to be unselfish, to pull
 the rug with
 the others on it. In doing so, he became the
 omnipotent
 and loving father, they the children made good
 by the good
 father's gifts. He became the sort of father to
 them that he
 would have his own father be to him.

The child's real growth, not only in friendliness
 and generosity, but also in personal responsibility and
 social skill,
 depends very largely upon his assured belief in
 the good parent,